

regulations, after receiving testimony from Stephen L. Pruitt, Kentucky Commissioner of Education, Frankfort; Linda Darling-Hammond, Learning Policy Institute, Palo Alto, California; Gail Pletnick, Dysart Unified School District, Surprise, Arizona; and Alison Harris Welcher, Project L.I.F.T., Charlotte, North Carolina.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Jennifer Klemetsrud Puhl, of North Dakota, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, Donald C. Coggins, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina, and David C. Nye, to be United States District Judge for the District of Idaho.

ENTREPRENEURS AND STARTUP COMPANIES

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine how venture capitalists and angel investors fund entrepreneurs and startup companies, including S. 2670, to provide for the operation of micro unmanned aircraft systems, after receiving testimony from Scott Kupor, Andreessen Horowitz, Menlo Park, California, and Ali Behbahani, New Enterprise Associates, Timonium, Maryland, both on behalf of the National Venture Capital Association; Jeffrey Sohl, University of New Hampshire Peter T. Paul College of Business and Economics Center for Venture Research, Durham; Michael J. Eckert, NO/LA Angel Network, New Orleans, Louisiana, on behalf of the Angel Capital Association; and Joseph L. Schocken, Broadmark Capital, LLC, Seattle, Washington.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 132 public bills, H.R. 5779–5911; and 10 resolutions, H.J. Res. 97; H. Con. Res. 147–148; and H. Res. 832–838, were introduced. **Pages H5005–12**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H5015–18**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

In the Matter of Allegations Related to Representative Ed Whitfield (H. Rept. 114–687);

H.R. 4202, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of Fort Ontario in the State of New York (H. Rept. 114–688);

H.R. 4510, to insure adequate use and access to the existing Bolts Ditch headgate and ditch segment within the Holy Cross Wilderness in Eagle County, Colorado, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–689);

H.R. 4789, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish a structure for visitor services on the Arlington Ridge tract, in the area of the U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–690);

H.R. 5199, to amend title 41, United States Code, to improve the manner in which Federal contracts for construction and design services are awarded, and to prohibit the use of reverse auctions for design and construction services procurements, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–691); and

H.R. 24, to require a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal reserve banks by the Comptroller General of the United States, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–692). **Page H5005**

Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer: Representative Fleming announced his intent to offer a privileged resolution. **Page H4931**

Unanimous Consent Agreement: Agreed by unanimous consent that the question on adoption of a motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the House amendment to S. 764 be subject to postponement as though under clause 8 of rule 20. **Page H4932**

National Sea Grant College Program Amendments Act: The House agreed to the motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the House amendment to S. 764, to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 306 yeas to 117 nays, Roll No. 466. **Pages H4932–39, H4964–65**

H. Res. 822, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the bill (S. 764) and providing for consideration of the bill (S. 304) was agreed to yesterday, July 13th.

Iran Accountability Act of 2016: The House passed H.R. 5631, to hold Iran accountable for its state sponsorship of terrorism and other threatening

activities and for its human rights abuses, by a ye-and-nay vote of 246 yeas to 179 nays, Roll No. 467.

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H. Res. 819, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4992), (H.R. 5119), and (H.R. 5631) was agreed to Tuesday, July 12th.

United States Financial System Protection Act of 2016: The House passed H.R. 4992, to codify regulations relating to transfers of funds involving Iran, by a ye-and-nay vote of 246 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 478.

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H. Res. 819, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4992), (H.R. 5119), and (H.R. 5631) was agreed to Tuesday, July 12th.

Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017: The House passed H.R. 5538, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, by a ye-and-nay votes of 231 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 477. Consideration began Tuesday, July 12th.

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Rejected:

Beyer amendment (No. 98 printed in H. Rept. 114–683) that was debated on July 13th that sought to state none of the funds made available by this Act may be used to implement or enforce section 120, 425, 426, or 427 (by a recorded vote of 178 yeas to 246 noes, Roll No. 468);

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Capps amendment (No. 99 printed in H. Rept. 114–683) that was debated on July 13th that sought to prohibit funds to be used to process any application for a permit to drill or a permit to modify that would authorize use of hydraulic fracturing or acid well stimulation treatment in the Pacific Outer Continental Shelf (by a recorded vote of 172 yeas to 254 noes, Roll No. 469);

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Grijalva amendment (No. 100 printed in H. Rept. 114–683) that was debated on July 13th that sought to prevent funds in the bill from being used to abolish law enforcement offices at the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service (by a recorded vote of 194 yeas to 233 noes, Roll No. 470);

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Lowenthal amendment (No. 102 printed in H. Rept. 114–683) that was debated on July 13th that sought to prevent funds from being used in contravention to a 2009 Interior Department Secretarial Order on climate change (by a recorded vote of 192 yeas to 233 noes, Roll No. 471);

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Pocan amendment (No. 103 printed in H. Rept. 114–683) that was debated on July 13th that sought to protect the Administration's climate change and environmental sustainability executive order to ensure that no funds be used to weaken the executive

order within this Act (by a recorded vote of 191 yeas to 236 noes, Roll No. 472);

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Polis amendment (No. 104 printed in H. Rept. 114–683) that was debated on July 13th that sought to prohibit use of funds to pursue any additional legal ways to transfer Federal lands to private owners in contravention of existing law (by a recorded vote of 188 yeas to 239 noes, Roll No. 473);

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Tsongas amendment (No. 106 printed in H. Rept. 114–683) that was debated on July 13th that sought to prevent a provision of the bill that would block BLM resource management plans from going into effect if failing to implement the plans would limit BLM's ability to meet its multiple use obligations, including providing opportunities for hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreation (by a recorded vote of 184 yeas to 241 noes, Roll No. 474);

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Norcross amendment (No. 114 printed in H. Rept. 114–683) that was debated on July 13th that sought to add \$15,282,000 to the Hazardous Substance Superfund (by a recorded vote of 195 yeas to 232 noes, Roll No. 475); and

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Gallego amendment (No. 122 printed in H. Rept. 114–683) that was debated on July 13th that sought to prohibit funds from being used to issue grazing permits or leases in contravention of BLM regulations (by a recorded vote of 213 yeas to 214 noes, Roll No. 476).

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H. Res. 820, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5538) was agreed to Tuesday, July 12th.

Library of Congress Sound Recording and Film Preservation Programs Reauthorization Act of 2016: The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and pass S. 2893, to reauthorize the sound recording and film preservation programs of the Library of Congress.

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Authorizing the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped to provide playback equipment in all formats: The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and pass S. 3207, to authorize the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped to provide playback equipment in all formats.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2:30 p.m. on Monday, July 18th.

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Department of Veterans Affairs Dental Insurance Reauthorization Act of 2016: The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and pass S. 3055, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a dental insurance plan to veterans and survivors and dependents of veterans.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H4939 and H4984.

Senate Referrals: S. 2893 and S. 3207 were held at the desk. S. 1555 was referred to the Committee on Financial Services and the Committee on House Administration.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and nine recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4964–65, H4965–66, H4966, H4967, H4967–68, H4968, H4969, H4969–70, H4970, H4970–71, H4971–72, H4972–73, and H4973. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee concluded a markup on the Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Bill for FY 2017; and Report on the Revised Interim Suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY 2017. The Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Bill for FY 2017 was ordered reported, as amended. The Report on the Revised Interim Suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY 2017 passed.

NAVAL DOMINANCE IN UNDERSEA WARFARE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a hearing entitled “Naval Dominance in Undersea Warfare”. Testimony was heard from Rear Admiral Charles A. Richard, USN, Director, Undersea Warfare Division (N97), U.S. Navy; and Rear Admiral Michael E. Jabaley, USN, Program Executive Officer for Submarines, U.S. Navy.

PRESIDENT OBAMA’S NUCLEAR DETERRENT MODERNIZATION PLANS AND BUDGETS: THE MILITARY REQUIREMENTS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing entitled “President Obama’s Nuclear Deterrent Modernization Plans and Budgets: The Military Requirements”. Testimony was heard from Frank Klotz, Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration; Robert Scher, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy, Plans, and Capabilities, Department of Defense; Admiral Cecil Haney, USN, Commander, U.S. Strategic Command; and General Robin Rand, USAF, Commander, Air Force Global Strike Command.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee concluded a markup on H.R. 5510, the “FTC Process and Transparency Reform Act of 2016”. H.R. 5510 was ordered reported, as amended.”

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a markup on H. Res. 634, recognizing the importance of the United States-Republic of Korea-Japan trilateral relationship to counter North Korean threats and nuclear proliferation, and to ensure regional security and human rights; H. Res. 660, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives to support the territorial integrity of Georgia; H. Res. 728, supporting human rights, democracy, and the rule of law in Cambodia; H. Res. 729, expressing support for the expeditious consideration and finalization of a new, robust, and long-term Memorandum of Understanding on military assistance to Israel between the United States Government and the Government of Israel; H. Res. 750, urging the European Union to designate Hizballah in its entirety as a terrorist organization and increase pressure on it and its members; H. Res. 780, urging respect for the constitution of the Democratic Republic of the Congo in the democratic transition of power in 2016; H. Res. 808, calling on the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to release Iranian-Americans Siamak Namazi and his father, Baquer Namazi; H. Res. 810, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the life and work of Elie Wiesel in promoting human rights, peace, and Holocaust remembrance; H. Res. 821, urging the Government of Gabon to respect democratic principles during the August 2016 presidential elections; H.R. 4481, the “Education for All Act of 2016”; H.R. 5094, the “Stability and Democracy for Ukraine Act”; H.R. 5537, the “Digital Global Access Policy Act of 2016”; and H.R. 5732, the “Caesar Syrian Civilian Protection Act of 2016”. The following legislation was ordered reported, as amended: H. Res. 634, H. Res. 728, H. Res. 780, H. Res. 810, H. Res. 821, H.R. 4481, H.R. 5537, H.R. 5732, and H.R. 5094. The following legislation was ordered reported, without amendment: H. Res. 660, H. Res. 729, H. Res. 750, and H. Res. 808.

THE STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF BUILDING A STRONGER U.S.-CARIBBEAN PARTNERSHIP

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing entitled “The Strategic Importance of Building a Stronger U.S.-Caribbean Partnership”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.’